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2022 Oregon Legislature
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Subject: SB 1564

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Kennemer, Members of the Committee:

AOC advocates on matters of importance to Oregon's 36 county governments and I'm writing today in support of the illegal cannabis control tool of a hemp moratorium contained in Senate Bill 1564. In particular, our members prefer the -2 amendment.

AOC is also supportive of the all-license type marijuana moratorium being contemplated in HB 4016 this session. Counties are concerned that if that effort passes without an accompanying hemp moratorium, illegal growers will simply pursue hemp licenses as a shield against enforcement.

Illegal marijuana grows disguised as hemp hurt legal hemp operators and county public health and safety officials alike. A temporary moratorium would help law enforcement and code enforcement officials gain control of the situation facing Southern Oregon and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,
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